

**September 30, 2005**

## **Recycling Makes Sense**

If you're a regular visitor to this site, then you know we not only welcomed a new solid waste and recycling contractor in September, we also introduced a new recycling schedule. Starting September 1, Republic Waste Services began collecting recyclables weekly as opposed to every other week.

But a new contractor and a new schedule weren't the only changes.

We also delivered new recycling and solid waste rollout carts to our residents. In particular, the new rollout recycling receptacles are a major improvement over the bins we used formerly, and we hope they will encourage more of our citizens to participate in our curbside recycling program.

Environmental problems have become so complex that many people feel they can have no effect on them. But recycling is something simple you can do that can make a difference.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:

### ***Recycling Saves Natural Resources***

The world's finite reserves of natural resources are being depleted rapidly, particularly with the increasing use of disposable products and packaging. This rate of use and disposal takes a heavy toll on irreplaceable natural resources from our forests and mines.

Reprocessing used materials to make new products and packaging reduces the consumption of natural resources. In addition, recycling often produces better products than those made of virgin materials; for example, the tin in "tin" cans is more refined (thus more valuable) after being processed for recycling.

### ***Recycling Saves Energy***

Energy savings are a very important environmental benefit of recycling because using energy requires the consumption of scarce fossil fuels and involves emissions of numerous air and water pollutants. The steps in supplying recycled materials to industry (including collection, processing and transportation) typically use less energy than the steps in supplying virgin materials to industry (including extraction, refining, transportation and processing).

Recycling paper cuts energy usage in half. Every pound of steel recycled saves 5,450 BTUs of energy, enough to light a 60-watt bulb for over 26 hours. Recycling a ton of glass saves the equivalent of nine gallons of fuel oil. Recycling used aluminum cans requires only about five percent of the energy needed to produce aluminum from bauxite. Recycling just one can saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for 3½ hours.

### ***Recycling is Good Business***

Most people know that recycling plays an important role in managing the garbage generated in homes and businesses, and that it reduces the need for landfills and incinerators. But recycling is far more than a local waste management strategy; it is also an important strategy for reducing the environmental impacts of industrial production. Supplying industry with recycled materials, rather than virgin resources extracted from forests and mines, is environmentally preferable because it saves energy, reduces emissions of greenhouse gases and other dangerous air and water pollutants, and because it conserves scarce natural resources.

### **Give'em Four Feet**

One final word about our curbside solid waste and recycling program. When placing your solid waste and recycling rollout carts at the curb for collection, please allow four feet of space between the receptacles. By doing so, you will make it easier for Republic Waste Services' collection equipment to empty your receptacles. We've been running the advertisement below on Channel 10 to get out this message.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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- 12) Limit hours of operation of water-cooled air conditioners.

## **Public Power Week**

As I've noted several times in this space, next week is Public Power Week.

The Town of Wake Forest will be joining over 2,000 other public power communities in the United States to celebrate the benefits of public power.

As a reminder, we are inviting our utility customers to participate in a number of special events next week including:

- Public Power Week Word Search Contest – From now until October 7, Wake Forest electric customers can enter to win a free month of electricity during the month of

October by completing the Public Power Word Search. For more information, visit the town's website ([wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov)) and download the word search puzzle and registration form. Again, the contest is only open to Town of Wake Forest electric customers.

- Customer Appreciation – We are inviting our utility customers to visit Town Hall during Public Power Week because we will be serving assorted refreshments in the lobby each day. Utility customers who come in can also pick up information about the town's programs and services, as well as energy conservation information. We will also be offering giveaways, such as stickers, pens, and maybe a few surprises.
- H.O.P.E. Kick-off – We will officially kick off our H.O.P.E. program during Public Power Week. Helping Others by Providing Electricity or H.O.P.E. is a new initiative sponsored by the town that encourages Wake Forest electric customers to help financially disadvantaged residents pay their utility bill. Wake Forest electric customers who sign up to contribute to the H.O.P.E. program during Public Power Week can register to win a free month of electricity.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Fair**

In cooperation with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS), we are sponsoring our 5<sup>th</sup>

Annual Energy Fair on Tuesday, October 18. The event will take place at the Ledford Center on the campus of SEBTS. The yearly event will offer our residents an opportunity to learn about electric safety, energy conservation, and the town's billing process. Citizens will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about special programs and services offered by the Town. Additionally, we will have special drawings throughout the evening for door prizes, including electric bill gift certificates and energy conservation kits.

For more information about our Energy Fair, contact Drew Brown at 554-6107.



Town of  
**Wake Forest**  
North Carolina

## 5th Annual Energy Fair



### Ledford Center Campus of SEBTS

Join us for food, prizes,  
exhibits, & lots of energy  
saving information

*Call 554-6100 for more information*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 6 - 7:30 PM**

### Share Your Email Address

If you haven't noticed, we have started inviting visitors to our [website](#) to share their email addresses.

We recently created an "E News Signup" section on the homepage of our website where you can provide your email address if you'd like to receive occasional emails concerning Town of Wake Forest programs, services, or special events. There is also a box you can check on the "[Contact Us](#)" page of our site if you'd like to receive this information.

Please note two important aspects concerning these email updates. First, we promise to "occasionally" send them out. We know you more than likely already receive a good number of unwanted emails or SPAM. So we will only send out ENews when we have something important to share. In addition, we won't send you anything unless you provide your email address and indicate that you want to receive our ENews.

Second, you can be absolutely certain that if you choose to sign up to receive our email communications, we **WILL NOT** disclose your email address to ANY other organization and you may unsubscribe to the service at any time.

For more information about ENews, call 554-6196.

**September 23, 2005**

### **Community Response Team Departs for Mississippi**

We are pleased that four Wake Forest police officers are part of a five-man squad comprising the town's first Community Response Team. The group left last night for Ellisville, Mississippi, a town badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Officers Jeff Leonard, Richard Brown, David Richards and Jason Graham, along with fire fighter Don Griesedieck, will spend four days in Ellisville and surrounding areas helping residents there with cleanup from Katrina.

We expect other teams to follow once these guys learn what Ellisville residents need and how we can help.

The Community Response Team is designed to be a permanent fixture in Wake Forest. Organizers hope the team will one day include dozens of local volunteers along with police and fire fighters. The team's mission is to be ready to help in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane or storm.

Although the squad has some supplies, it received donations from three civic clubs last week. Additionally, Mike Johnson, the team organizer, is requesting additional donations of both money and equipment so the team will be prepared to effectively respond to a crisis.

Monetary donations to the Wake Forest Community Response Team can be made at any Sun Trust Bank. Donations of equipment including chainsaws, generators, tarps, first aid kits, shovels, buckets, and bug spray can be dropped off at the Wake Forest Police Department, 8 a.m. – midnight, or Wake Forest Health Club at 2109 S. Main Street.





### **Basketball Courts are in a better place**

Over the past several months, a handful of town residents have asked why we removed the basketball goals from the Alston-Massenburg Center at Taylor and Juniper streets.

Several factors were involved in the decision, including safety concerns and the gradual erosion of the Taylor and Juniper Streets court. Another important consideration, however, was the development of the Dubois Center campus master plan.

In 1996, one of the proposals in our Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan included adding basketball courts to the Dubois campus - along with a neighborhood center and playground. The plan's intent was to redevelop the entire area as a recreation center. But once the Dubois campus contracted for the modular school, the basketball court was the only component left.

The Dubois courts were unveiled at the end of August. Only after they were ready were the old basketball goals at the Alston-Massenburg site taken down.

Now, the area has two basketball courts with new goals and padding around the poles. As an additional safety feature, fencing on three sides of the court running along North Allen Road will keep balls from rolling into the street.

## **Public Power Week is October 2 – 8**

Several weeks ago, I promised to share more information about the town's plans for [Public Power Week](#).

The Town of Wake Forest is joining over 2,000 other [public power](#) communities in the United States to celebrate Public Power Week, Oct. 2-8. Public power communities serve approximately 43 million electric customers nationwide.

Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA) in Washington, D.C. APPA is the service organization for community- and state-owned electric utilities.

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**September 16, 2005**

### **Giving Away Free Electricity...What's the World Coming to?**

Public Power Week is October 2-8 and we're celebrating by giving away something everybody wants - free electricity for the month of October! But we're not just giving it away to one person. We're giving it away to three residential electric customers!

As a means of promoting the benefits of public power and encouraging our residents to visit our website ([www.wakeforestnc.gov](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov)), we are sponsoring a "[Public Power Week Word Search Contest](#)."

Wake Forest residential electric customers who want to participate in the contest should click [here](#) and read "Wake Forest – A Proud Public Power Community." Several public power-related words are highlighted throughout the essay. Find and circle the highlighted words in the word search puzzle. After completing the registration form at the bottom of the page, fax the form along with your completed "Public Power Word Search" to (919) 554-6195.

If you prefer, you can mail your completed puzzle and registration form to:

Town of Wake Forest  
Public Power Week Contest  
401 Elm Avenue  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

On Friday, October 7, I'll draw the names of three winners from the pool of eligible participants. If you're a winner, we'll let you know no later than Monday, October 17.

### **Putting the "Fun" in Family Fun Day!**

As you can tell by looking at the pictures below, Saturday's Family Fun Day was an incredible success! Altogether, well over 200 of our employees and their families gathered at The Factory for great food, incredible door prizes, and an all-around good time.

As I noted last week, a lot of people worked hard to pull this event together, so on behalf of the Town, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved. The Town's employees are a hard-working and competent group and Family Fun Day was the perfect way to let them know how much we appreciate the outstanding work they do.

By the way, special thanks to Roe O'Donnell, Deputy Town Manager, for taking such great pictures at Saturday's event!





## **JJ is Dy-no-mite!**

Forgive my obvious - and perhaps cheesy - reference to the popular 70's show "Good Times," but clearly one of the most memorable scenes during Family Fun Day was the announcement of the 2005 Town of Wake Forest Employee of the Year Award.

This year's winner is JJ Carr, Senior Code Enforcement Officer in our Inspections Department.

I have the honor each year of selecting the Employee of the Year from among nominations submitted by the Town's employees. Besides simply nominating an employee, the Town staff member must also provide a written justification as to why they believe someone is deserving of the award. After reviewing all the nominations, JJ was an easy choice this year.

Several Town employees wrote nice things about JJ but perhaps the most impressive comments about him came from Rhonda Alderman, the Town's Inspections Technician.

According to Rhonda, "JJ NEVER gets stressed! You never know when he's having a bad day..... he's very easy going....He never complains about how much work he has to do, and no job is too big for him. He is very knowledgeable of his job.

"We receive many compliments from contractors on J.J. because of this thoroughness and fairness to everyone. J.J. is the role model and perfect choice for Employee of the Year!"

Well said Rhonda.

Once again, congratulations JJ on a well-deserved honor. Keep up the great work!





**September 9, 2005**

**Kudos to the Wake Forest Police Department!**

Following a three-month investigation, our police force has arrested 20 drug dealers over the past two weeks. Many of those arrested are habitual felons who were also charged in a similar undercover operation late last year.

The Police Department does a great job and we appreciate all that they do. But at the same time, I'd also like to thank the residents in our community who report suspicious activity, which is so crucial in helping the police uncover drug activity. As Lt. Trent Coleman so often says, you really are the "eyes and ears" of the Police Department and we thank you!



## **Hurricane Relief Efforts**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we have received a number of inquiries from concerned citizens who want to know if the Town will be providing any assistance to the affected areas. As of right now, the short answer is no – but there's more.

The Town of Wake Forest and other municipalities have been advised by the NC Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to wait until they request our help before we do anything. Apparently, they are concerned that too many "free lance" efforts will just cause more chaos in an area that's already dealing with too much of it.

As I've reminded several people, however, if you lived in this area following Hurricane Fran, then you know it took several months and even years before everything was back to normal and we didn't experience anywhere close to the devastation that New Orleans and surrounding areas did at the hands of Katrina. So, I am sure there will be plenty of opportunities in the coming weeks and months to lend a helping hand. For one thing, we have electric crews standing by to assist in electricity restoration efforts, so in the event we receive word that our assistance is needed, we'll be glad to send those crews.

In the meantime, there are any number of ways you can aid the relief effort without leaving Wake County. For one thing, you can donate blood. Another way you can help is by donating money. Governor Mike Easley is encouraging North Carolina citizens to help relief efforts by donating to the NC Helping Neighbors Fund. The Fund is managed by the Governor's Office in partnership with the United Way of North Carolina. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the donated funds will go to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Individuals can make checks payable to the "NC Helping Neighbors Fund" and mail to:

**NC Helping Neighbors Fund  
Office of the Governor  
20312 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0312**

## **"Sign" of the Times – no more signs!**

If you're tired of seeing portable signs all over the public right of ways in Wake Forest, then I've got good news for you. Beginning September 16, we are going to start collecting these portable signs along major roads and thoroughfares within our jurisdiction.

We're going to remove the signs on random days during the week and on weekends and then destroy them.

It has always been against the law to erect any structure in a public right of way, but there are other issues involved as well.

First, the signs are a safety hazard because they clutter intersections, block pedestrian facilities and obstruct lines of sight. Not only that, but they are unsightly from an aesthetics perspective and based on the phone calls we've been receiving, our residents are tired of seeing them everywhere.

So, let this serve as a warning to people who put out the signs - if we see them, not only will we confiscate them, but we'll also destroy them.

### **Gearing Up for Family Fun Day**

Tomorrow is a special day for the Town of Wake Forest. Each year we have a special get-together for the Town's employees but tomorrow we're trying something a little different. For the first time, we're sponsoring what we're calling "Family Fun Day" for Town employees and their families. The event is being held at The Factory on S. Main Street and in addition to the great food, it also is expected to be a great opportunity for the town staff and their families to assemble in a less formal, more social environment.

A lot of people worked hard to put this event together, but I want to especially thank Tricia Lanning, our Human Resources Specialist, for all the time and effort she has put in. Tricia has an extensive background in event planning, and her experience has really paid off in this endeavor.

So thanks to Tricia and everyone else who has worked hard to ensure the event's success. We're looking forward to a great time!

### **September 2, 2005**

#### **New Section of Franklin Street Opens Today**

We were pleased that a number of Wake Forest residents turned out this morning with Mayor Jones and several members of the Board of Commissioners for the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of the new section of Franklin Street. We've been looking forward to this day for quite some time, and it's obvious our residents have been as well.

Situated between the NC 98 bypass and Holding Avenue, the new half-mile section is the first constructive phase of the Renaissance Plan and is considered the newest gateway to downtown Wake Forest.

Now that the new section of Franklin Street has opened, we are getting set for several other exciting changes to unfold in the downtown area over the next few years.

For one thing, the new roundabout at the junction of South Main Street (US 1-A) and South Avenue (NC 98) is scheduled to begin during the end of September and should be completed by

the end of November. Also, a major resurfacing project will get underway in early October for these areas:

- NC 98 bypass down South Main Street;
- South Avenue to Front Street;
- North Avenue to North Main Street;
- North Main Street to Harris Road.

We originally expected the resurfacing project to be completed by the end of this year, but now it is projected to be finished in the Spring of 2006.

But that's not all.

The second phase of the Renaissance Plan road building project will occur along South Franklin Street and will include two new roundabouts at the junctions of Holding Avenue and Franklin Street and Elm Avenue and Franklin Street. The Franklin Street upgrades will feature the construction of a new median, sidewalks, and heavy landscaping.

Finally, once the South Main Street widening project from Capital Boulevard to Harris Road is completed, the NCDOT will resurface South Main Street from Capital Boulevard to the NC 98 bypass. This resurfacing project is expected to begin in the Spring of 2006.





### **Parks and Recreation Department Receives \$250,000 Grant**

The Governor's office announced during the first part of the week that our Parks and Recreation Department will receive a \$250,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant from the National Park Service. This funding will be used for the Phase I development of Joyner Park and is expected to finance the construction of an amphitheater, walking trails and the installation of underground electrical lines.

Joyner Park is a beautiful 117-acre site situated just off Harris Road west of the downtown center. We expect it to provide all kinds of recreational venues for our residents, including baseball, softball and soccer fields, several playgrounds, and a community center. Other planned developments include the restoration of the pecan grove and farm buildings which are currently on the site, as well as construction of an amphitheater, picnic facilities, and walking and biking trails.

The LWCF grant comes on the heels of the \$500,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant we received in the spring of 2005 and the \$3.5 million Parks and Recreation Bond voters approved in May. It is the second LWCF grant we have received for the Joyner Park property. In 2003, we purchased the Joyner tract after receiving \$325,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

## **New Weekly Recycling Schedule Goes Into Effect**

Beginning yesterday, Republic Waste Services, our new solid waste and recycling contractor, started collecting recycling every week. Right now, we expect our current collection schedules to remain in effect, but if future changes are necessary, Republic Waste Services will notify the affected residents.

As I noted in this space a few weeks ago, we worked with Toter, Inc. to deliver new rollout recycling carts and rollout trash carts August 15 - 31. Also, we included with the receptacles a flyer which explained the new recycling schedule and emphasized that the new carts would not be serviced until the first of September.

Republic Waste Services will continue collecting the same materials in the recycling carts as the previous contractor. Still, if you are a resident of Wake Forest, please be sure to review the recycling information provided below:

### **What Can Go in the Recycling Container**

- Newspapers and inserts.
- Clean mixed paper such as magazines, junk mail, cardboard, phone books, paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes and food boxes (example: such as those holding dry cereal or crackers).
- Clean shredded paper.
- Cans: Aluminum cans, tin and steel cans (including pet food cans), clean foil and pie plates, empty aerosol cans.
- Glass food & beverage containers: soda bottles, food jars, wine and liquor bottles.
- Plastic bottles: narrow-necked, screw-top bottles, such as soda bottles, plastic milk and water jugs and colored bottles labeled with a or a imprinted on the bottom of the container.
- Any plastic bottle with "CRV," "CA Redemption Value," or "CA Refund" on the label.

### **What Can Not Go in the Recycling Container**

- It is illegal to put trash, greenery or hazardous materials in your recycling container.
- No soiled or wet newspaper, rubber bands, string or plastic bags.
- No milk cartons, used tissues, paper plates or paper towels. No frozen food containers, such as those holding frozen vegetables or microwave dinners.
- No TV dinner trays or scrap metal.
- No china, ceramics, crockery, Pyrex-type glass, mirrors, window glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, or stemware.
- No plastic bags, wide-mouth plastic tubs (such as margarine, yogurt or cottage cheese), plastic trays, plastic toys, automotive product containers, poison or pesticide bottles. Please discard plastic lids.

- No filled or partially filled containers containing household hazardous wastes, such as motor oil, paint, poison, cleaning fluids, insecticides, solvents, acids, gasoline, pool chemicals, highly flammable liquids, radioactive materials, or toxic chemicals. Discard empty household hazardous waste containers in your regular trash.

### **Recycling Tips**

- Do not take containers with you if you move. They are the property of the Town of Wake Forest and are numerically registered to the address to which they are originally delivered. Residents should record container numbers in case of theft.
- If you have additional questions, please call Public Works at (919) 554-6120.

### **Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend**

Finally, The Wake Forest Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Our offices will re-open Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

On behalf of all the staff at the Town of Wake Forest, have a happy and safe Labor Day!